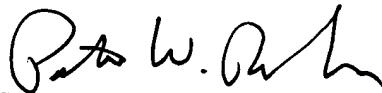


9. — The \$180 fee specified in 37 CFR 1.17(p) for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is authorized in item 14 below.
10. — 37 CFR 1.97(d): [before issue fee payment]; and
- a) This is a petition for consideration of the subject Information Disclosure Statement. The petition fee (\$130.00) required by 37 CFR 1.17(i)(1) is authorized in item 14 below. (Direct this letter to: "Attention GROUP DIRECTOR, and if applicable include batch locator information: e.g., "Allowed Files, Batch _____, Date of Allowance _____"), and
- b) The required Certification is stated in item 11 below.
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12. — Each item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement; or
13. — No item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the person signing this document after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.
14. √ Please charge all applicable fees associated with the submittal of this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 01-2384. An original and two copies of this document is enclosed.

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